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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/509,277	HAGMANN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR	1621

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

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1. This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 3/29/06.

2. THE FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON 2/16/06 IS HEREBY

WITHDRAWN and the following restriction requirement is in order.

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

1) and 2) when R1 and Ar1 are non heterocyclic, for example when both are phenyl or naphthyl.

When Ar1 is

- 3) thienyl,
- 4) furanyl,
- (5) pyrrolyl,
- (6) oxazolyl,
- (7) isoxazolyl,
- (8) 1,2,5-oxadiazolyl,
- (9) 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl,
- (10) thiazolyl,
- (11) pyrazolyl,
- (12) triazolyl,
- (13) tetrazolyl,
- (14) benzothienyl,

- (15) benzofuranyl,
- (16) benzoxazolyl,
- (17) benzimidazolyl,
- (18) benzothiazolyl,
- (19) indanyl,
- (20) indenyl,
- (21) indolyl,
- (22) imidazo[1',2-a]pyridinyl,
- (23) beta-carbolinyl,
- (24) 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-beta-carbolinyl,
- (25) tetrahydronaphthyl,
- (26) 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazolyl,
- (27) 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl,
- (28) dihydrobenzopyranyl,
- (29) 1,4-benzodioxanyl,
- (30) pylidinyl,
- (31) pyrimidinyl,
- (32) pyrazinyl,
- (33) quinolinyl,
- (34) isoquinolinyl,
- (35) quinazolonyl,
- (36) quinazolinyl,

- (37) 1,8-naphthyridinyl,
- (38) 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- 1,8-naphthyridinyl,
- (39) pyrido[3,2-b]pyridinyl,
- (40) pyrazolo[2,3-a]pyrimidinyl,
- (41) pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidinyl,
- (42) pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidonyl,
- (43) benzopyrimidinyl,
- (44) imidazolyl, and
- (45) imidazolonyl,

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

4. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

See 1-45 categories, supra.

The following claim(s) are generic: 1-24.

5. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: It is considered that a Markush –type claim encompassing such species is directed to multiple independent and patentably distinct invention since the species are so divergent and unrelated that a reference anticipating the claim with regard to one of the species will not render obvious under 35 USC 103 with respect to any of the other species. Further these species are considered to be independent since they are unrelated in operation, one does not require the other for ultimate use and the specification does not disclose a dependent relation between them. Moreover, each of the stated species is considered to be patentably distinct from the others on the basis of its properties, Thus, the stated species are capable of supporting separate patent.

6. In view of the complex nature of the restriction requirement, a written restriction requirement is hereby made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions

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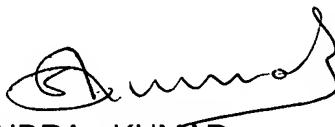
unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on (571)272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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